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Joint resolution instructing our Senators and Representatives in the United States Congress to procure the passage of a bill for the relief of mail contractors; read 1st time.

A bill legalizing the several seals heretofore used by the Commissioner of the General Land Office; read 1st time.

Senate adjourned, until to-morrow 9 o'clock A. M.

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SENATE CHAMBER, }  
THURSDAY, April 16, 1846. }  
9 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment, roll called and a quorum present.

Journals of the preceding day were read and adopted.

Senator Scott, Chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported "an act for the regulation of pilots," correctly enrolled.

Senator Williamson presented the petition of Haden Edwards praying for lands, which was referred to Select committee—Senators Parker, Williams, Williamson, McKinney, and Brashear.

A message from His Excellency the Governor, transmitting a communication in writing, which was made the special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Senator Hogg, Chairman of the Judiciary committee, to whom was referred an act to legalize surveys in Bexar county, made by the Surveyor of Bastrop county; reported that a majority of the committee recommended an amendment.

Senator McKinney introduced a bill, to enable parties having unsettled business with the Republic of Texas, to settle the same. Read 1st time.

Senator Parker introduced

A joint resolution to authorize E. G. Rector to sell and transfer his donation land. Read 1st time.

Senator Scott introduced

A bill to define the residence qualifications of certain officers therein named. Read 1st time.

On motion of Senator Parker, leave of absence was granted to Senator Cuney, for an indefinite period.

On motion of Senator Williamson, leave of absence was granted to Senator Kinney.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill providing for the trial and punishment of crimes and misdemeanors committed by slaves and free persons of color.

Read 2d time and referred to Judiciary committee.

Bill to legalize the several seals heretofore used by the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Read 2d time, and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

A bill requiring the Surveyor of Goliad county to record certain field notes.

Read 2nd time and referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill to extend the time within which the returns of the election for Representatives to the United States Congress are required to be made.

Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to organize the Supreme Court—read 3rd time and passed.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed

A bill creating the county of Henderson.

A bill to authorize the settlement of disputes by arbitration or conciliation, with amendments.

A bill for the relief of N. Amory—read 3rd time and passed.

A bill requiring the Governor to notify Chief Justices of the appointment of Notaries Public, and to have the same published—read 3rd time.

Senator Robinson moved to strike out from the word "and" in 7th line, to the word "government" in 9th line.

Lost, and the yeas and nays being called on the final passage of the bill, stood as follows:

*Yeas.* Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Brashear, Burleson, Hogg, Jewett, McKinney, Miller, Navarro, Parker, Scott, Wallace, and Williams.—13.

*Nays.* Senators, Grimes, McNeel and Robinson.—3.

Bill passed.

A bill to prevent Justices of the Peace, and Clerks of the District and County Courts, from issuing executions for costs, only in civil actions.

Read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to define in what manner judgments shall act as a lien upon real estate—read 3rd time.

Yeas and nays upon its passage stood as follows:

*Yeas.* Senators, Bourland, Brashear, Burleson, Grimes, Hogg, McKinney, Navarro, Phillips, Wallace, and Williams.  
—10.

*Nays.* Senators, Bagby, Miller, Parker, Robinson, and Scott—5.

Bill passed.

A bill to protect religious meetings—read 3d time and passed.

A bill to settle conflicting rights, between the counties of Victoria, De Witt, La Vacca, Jackson, and Calhoun.

Read 3rd time and passed.

A bill regulating appeals to the Supreme Court; read 2d time and referred to committee on Public Lands.

A bill to create the county of Newton; read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading.

A bill to incorporate the town of Bonham in Fannin county.

Read 2nd time, and referred to a select committee, composed of Senators, Williams, Bourland and Bagby.

A bill to provide for the loss of duplicate land warrants, and other land certificates.

Read 2nd time and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

A bill to provide for the registration of the separate property of married women.

Read 2d time and referred to Judiciary committee.

A Bill to declare what officers shall give certificates of election in Senatorial elections, in Districts composed of more counties than one.

Senator Williams moved to strike out "Lamar" and insert "Fannin."

Carried, and bill passed to 3rd reading.

A Joint Resolution instructing our Senators and Representatives in the United States Congress, to procure the passage of a law for the relief of Mail Contractors.

Read 2d time and passed to a third reading.

A bill for the relief of John Karner—read 1st time.

A bill to incorporate the city of Corpus Christi—read 1st time.

A bill to have the lines surveyed between the counties of Robertson and Limestone, Limestone and Leon, Limestone and Navarro—read 1st time

A bill to provide for the registration of deeds and other instruments of writing, executed out of this State—read 1st time.

Resolution to adjourn *sine die* on the 30th April; laid on the table.

Senator Wood moved to take up the resolution of thanks to His Excellency Anson Jones, late President of the Republic of Texas. Carried.

Yeas and nays on its adoption:

*Yeas.* Senators, Bagby, Brashear, Grimes, Navarro, Parker, Phillips, Williams and Wood—8.

*Nays.* Senators, Burleson, Hogg, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Robinson, Scott, and Wallace.—8.

There being a tie the resolution was rejected.

Select committee, Senator Phillips Chairman, reported that a majority of the committee, recommended the passage of the bill to provide for the organization of the counties of San Patricio and Nueces.

On motion of Senator Scott, the bill defining the duties of District Attornies was taken up.

Amendments of the Judiciary committee adopted, and on motion of Senator Phillips, referred to a select committee.

Senators Phillips, Robinson, and Williams were appointed said committee.

On motion of Senator McKinney, the

Bill to repeal the 4th section of an act approved June 4th. 1837, authorizing the consolidation and funding of the public debt, and prescribing the manner in which stock certificates shall be transferred,

Was taken up, read 3rd time and passed.

Senate, adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M.